

CARLE PLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Thomas DePaola, Principal

TIDBITS FROM MR. DEPAOLA

This time of year is filled with celebrations of students success both inside and outside the classroom. This newsletter gives you a glimpse of some of those successes. What it doesn't include are all the small, yet significant, successes that I see on a daily basis. The random act of kindness, the amazing lessons, the connections that our students are making that will impact their academic career. On behalf of the entire staff of Carle Place Middle/High School, a wonderful holiday season.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Rosemarie Norman, grade 12, has been recognized as a Commended Students for her outstanding performance on the PSAT National Merit Scholarship Test. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of the more than 1.6 million students.

Kaitlyn Quijano, grade 12, has been recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar for her outstanding performance on the PSAT National Merit Scholarship Test. Kaitlyn scored in the top 2.5% among Hispanic and Latino PSAT/NMSQT test takers.

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS

On November 1, 2017, five Carle Place High School seniors were honored for receiving the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. These awards recognize students who have served in leadership roles in promoting school and community service. Congratulations to the following winners and their advisors:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
Juliette Auerbach	Nat'l Honor Soc.	Mrs. Jacoby/ Dr. Leffler
Naushin Hossain	EAC	Mrs. Nicosia Mrs. Ramsawak
Pragna Krishnamurthy	Key Club	Ms. Buffalino
Nicole Imperiale	Diversity Club	Mrs. Sullivan
Elena Lenihan	SADD	Mrs. Dietz

SCIENCE EXPO

Congratulations to the following Rushmore Avenue and Carle Place Middle School students who recently presented their science findings at the 22nd Annual Science Expo held on Thursday, November 2, 2017. The winners announced by Mr. Malizia, Director of STEM, were:

First Place

Project: Hand Sanitizer, Myth or Reality?
Students: Ava Henglein, Grace Iadevaia,
Alyssa Persandi (Gr. 6)

Project: Worms to the Rescue
Students: Matthew Dieguez, Trent Whigham (Gr. 7)

Project: What's up in that Cup?
Student: Harleigh Buck (Gr. 8)

Second Place

Project: Tooth Decay Egg-Speriment
Students: Alexa Hubmeier (Gr. 6)

Project: Is It In You?
Students: Thomas Venezia (Gr. 7)

Project: Electrolytes and You
Student: Philip Alfieri (Gr. 8)
Project: Beginnings of Game Design
Student: Aidan Elizaitis (Gr. 8)
Project: Do Cell Phone Cases Reduce Radiation?
Student: Ava Lopes (Gr. 8)

Third Place

Project: Does Chewing Gum Make You Smarter?
Student: Sebastiano Abbatiello (Gr. 6)

Project: The Beast Within the Yeast
Student: Annabella Georg-Hyun, Katherine Lai (Gr. 7)

Project: Thermoelectric Fan
Student: Devin Eichel, Alexandra Feit (Gr. 8)

STUDENTS MAKING THEIR MARK

Ashley Pereira and Richard Moretta, grade 12, were selected Homecoming Queen and King, respectively, at our Homecoming Football game on October 20, 2017.

On November 2, 2017, members of our 9th grade class visited Quinnipiac College and The College of Mt. Saint Vincent. The students had the opportunity to experience a campus setting to better prepare them for their college decisions.

TEACHERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Dr. Steven Leffler, science teacher, conducted research with several other Long Island colleagues. This research took place at the Brookhaven National Laboratory. Their research was entitled "Chemical Analysis of Micrometeorites Across Long Island." This will be published in a scientific journal.

Maddalena Buffalino, social studies teacher, was selected to take part in the scoring of the AP World History exams in June. Ms. Buffalino was selected by virtue of her experience and expertise.

CARILLON

The Walsworth Publishing Company has showcased the yearbook cover of the Class of 2017 to be among the nation's best. The design was the creation of Co Editor-in-Chief Maria Buffolino, and the details accessorized throughout the book were done by Co Editor-in-Chief Alana Boland. Congratulations to the Co Editors-in-Chief and their advisor, Mrs. Perifimos.

SADD HAPPENINGS

The SADD officers participated in the student assemblies in September to create an awareness among the student body about the importance of the partnership between home/school/community with the Contract for Life program. Special thanks for all who participated and recognize the value of this program.

SADD decorated the front trees of the high school for Red Ribbon Week in October as part of our Homecoming celebration and as a reminder to make healthy choices. All students were given a red ribbon to wear in school.

KEY CLUB

The Key Club members, along with their advisor Ms. Buffalino, would like to thank everyone who participated in the UNICEF campaign in October. The members collected spare change for the UNICEF Foundation.

On Sunday October 15, 2017, members of the Carle Place HS Key Club and the officers from the Middle School Builders Club attended the Breast Cancer Walk at Jones Beach. The students fundraised \$900 for this cause.

UNITY DAY

On October 25, 2017, the students and staff participated in Unity Day. This powerful event showcases our support for unity and anti-bully awareness in our schools. The color theme of the day was orange which portrays kindness, acceptance and inclusion. Orange ribbons were also distributed.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

On October 13, the first middle school dance of the year took place. The dance featured a Unity theme and was a resounding success.

COLLEGE MINI-FAIR PROGRAM

The guidance department welcomed representatives from a total of 100 colleges and universities nationwide to our North Cafeteria to participate in our College Mini-Fairs. Our students eagerly awaited their arrival and came armed with questions to help in their search for their new home. Counselors were present to guide those students who were unsure and lead those overwhelmed to opportunities they saw fit. Students were glowing after speaking with the representatives. It was the best measure of success of the event.

The guidance department also sponsored in-house college application interviews for our senior students. The students had an opportunity to speak on a one-to-one basis with representatives from Hofstra, NYIT, St. John's, LIU-Post, The College of Mt. St. Vincent, Adelphi, Molloy and Farmingdale.

RYAN'S STORY

On November 10, 2017, Mr. John Halligan, presented Ryan's Story to our middle and high school students. Mr. Halligan lost his son to suicide as a result of bullying. He discussed different ways in which students can be upstanders to bullying and gave an ultimate message of hope: "You are loved beyond belief." Ryan's Story opened our eyes once again to the effects of bullying and cyberbullying on our children and families throughout the community and around the world. Parents were invited for an evening discussion with Mr. Halligan.

CLASS HAPPENINGS

On November 8, 2017 members of Ms. Buffalino’s History of Theatre class attended a Broadway performance of Miss Saigon. Students learned about the historical context of the Vietnam War and concluded their unit study with the trip. Students gained a new outlook and a new perspective on the effects of the Vietnam War after viewing the performance. Students also learned about the history of musical theatre and the emergence of modern Broadway shows.

Students in Ms. Buffalino’s 9 pre-AP World class recently completed an inquiry based unit on geography. Students researched how geography impacts certain regions. Students connected their studies to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. After completing their study, students collected a service learning activity in which they wrote letters to students impacted by these events and collected school supplies.

Our 8th grade social studies classes hosted a “Shark Tank.” They completed invention projects based on Industrialization. The students pitched their projects to the sharks to convince the sharks to invest in their project.

Our 8th grade social studies and English classes showcased a pop-up museum entitled “The Melting Pot: The Immigrant Experience.” The presentation consisted of six different exhibits for each group with each depicting a different facet of the immigration experience from 1865-1915.

On November 28, 2017, Ms. Buffalino’s History of Theatre class had the privilege of hosting guest speaker Becky Fleming. Becky is currently a stage manager for the Broadway show *Waitress*. Becky was previously the stage manager for the Broadway production of *Newsies*. Becky has worked on many regional productions as well. Becky spoke about her experiences in the professional theatre world and offered valuable insight to students in the elective class.



ATHLETICS

Varsity Field Hockey

Nassau County Class C Champions
Long Island Class C Champions
Class C Southeast Regional Champions
Semi-Finalist NYSPHSAA State Championship Game

Varsity Cross Country Team

Nassau County State Qualifiers:
Matthew DiNuzzo, Marcus Pomaes, John Schmuck
Marcus Pomaes—NYSPHSAA Championship Qualifier

Newsday’s All-Long Island Field Hockey Team 2017

Megan McGuinness, Goalie
Julia Pascarella, Forward

Nassau Player of the Year: Julia Pascarella
Long Island Coach of the Year: Crystal Gray



ARTS & ED BOOSTER CLUB

CP Arts & Ed Booster Club has always been proud to sponsor fundraising events to give back to students and the Carle Place community. This fall, we took community a bit farther and wanted to help areas hard hit by Hurricanes Harvey & Irma. Totally run by student & parent volunteers, the club raised over \$800 in sales from assorted items, donated by its members. As a group, we decided to donate 50% of these raised funds to The Houston Food Bank and The Harry Chapin Food Bank of South West Florida.

In October, we sponsored our 9th annual Halloween Hoot at The Rushmore Avenue School. This is a great community event that welcomes children & their parents to celebrate Halloween in a safe & fun environment. The afternoon is filled with games, prizes, snacks and entertainment. Everyone has a great time, including the many 8th graders & Tri-M volunteers, making it a huge success.

INTO THE WOODS



On September 8-9, 2017, the Carle Place Student Theatre Company presented *Into the Woods*. This musical was produced, directed and performed by our middle/high school students. Their commitment and dedication throughout the rehearsals and production contributed greatly towards the success of this show. Special thanks to Pragna Krishnamurthy, Director; Logan Kelly, Producer; Frank Buffolino, Musical Director; Matthew Castello, Conductor; Barbara Curran, Choreographer; Haley Meyrowitz, Costumes; and Gabriel Barbosa, Tech Manager.

Cast

Isabella Abbatiello	Mimi Norman
Juliette Auerbach	Jack O'Brien
Mia Babino	Eleni Orfanos
Gabriella Baratta	Nicholas Pascarella
Harleigh Buck	Sara Patino
Carmine Carusone	Kevin Pereira
Jenna Cavallaro	Zach Pignataro
Allison Cigna	Maya Rodrigues
Erin Delio	Angela Ruggiano
Gabriella Deninno	Chloe Santos
Lauren Deninno	Lucas Santos
Olivia Docyk	Edmond Sarkissian
Andre Duarte	Susanna Sarkissian
Devin Eichel	Sam Seidel
Sydney Eichel	Sanjana Soni
Juliana Ferolie	Joseph Speciale
Laura Fowler	Emily Szalkowski
Alanna Gauto-Kennedy	Isabella Tallini
Nysa Gonzalez	Jennifer Tumino
Lyla Karekinian	Antonio Urrutia
Heather Kwon	Karl Veigl
Kayla Lloyd	Lea Veigl
Ava Lopes	Francesca Venezia
Samantha Maass	Antonia Vento
Charlotte Maher	Jaylen Williams
Melissa Maher	Kara Yim
Francesca Mistretta	Kristina Yim
Angelina Nelson	

Stage/Tech Crew

Daniel Alfaro	Rosie Norman
Tahiya Azrafi	Frank Ortiz
Gabriel Barbosa	Matthew Pereira
Lauren Basso	Carly Perruzza
Jenny Bocchicchio	Jack Phair
Tehani Chowdhury	Angie Portillo
Barbara Curran	James Reardon
Ivy Fernandes	Hector Rivera
Julia Fortunato	Bryan Silva
Alexa Garcia	Ruby Tirone
Samantha Mannarino	Victoria Zanoni
Rita Masiello	

Costumes

Elena Antoniou	Naushin Hossian
Victoria Argenzio	Haley Meyrowitz
Isabella Bileddo	Ariana Neuman
Ava Bulzomi	Julie O'Connell
Ines DeSousa	Madison Ortiz
Mia Douso	Sarah Scardino
Gracie Giordano	Gianna Williamson
Sophia Giordano	Katarina Zedlovich

Pit Orchestra

Frank Buffolino
Matthew Castello
Barbara Curran
Christina Kapralos
Logan Kelly
Cindy Lu

Many thanks to all the parents and staff, especially Mrs. Scardino, Mrs. Buffolino and Mr. & Mrs. Neave who volunteered their time and home.